knowledge, because this stuff is still full of
nescience, heavily burdened and enveloped with
the inconscience of Matter. Next, the emergence
takes place in a separated form of life which
has to affirm itself against a principle of in-
animate material inertia and a constant pull of
that material inertia towards disintegration and a
relapse into the original inanimate Inconscience.
This separated life-form has also to affirm itself,
supported only by a limited principle of association,
•against an outside world which is, if not hostile
to its existence, yet full of dangers and on which it
-has to impose itself, conquer life-room, arrive at
•expression and propagation, if it wishes to survive.
The result of an emergence of consciousness in these
conditions is the growth of a self-affirming vital and
physical individual, a construction of Nature of life
.and matter with a concealed psychic or spiritual true
individual behind it for which Nature is creating
this outward means of expression. As mentality
increases, this vital and material individual takes the
more developed form of a constantly self-affirming
mental, vital and physical ego. **Our** surface con-
sciousness and type of existence, our

natural being,
has developed its present character
under the
compulsion of these two initial and basic
facts of the
•evolutionary emergence.
In its first appearance consciousness has
the
-semblance of a miracle, a power alien to
Matter that
manifests unaccountably in a world of
inconscient
-Nature and grows slowly and with
difficulty.